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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 22, lines 14-19, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

This method is a variation of OFB (output feedback) mode, which is one of the modes utilizing the block cipher defined by ISO/IEC10116. In OFB mode, even if bit errors occur due to the noise generated on the transmission paths, the decode processing can prevent the bit errors from increasing. For this reason, this mode is often adopted for radio voice communication.